Comorbidities code N[N]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Value Domain |
| METEOR identifier: | 458079 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Recorded 10/04/2014 |
| Definition: | A code set representing diseases or conditions present at diagnosis and defined as comorbidities relevant to cancer. |

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| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | Number |
| Format: | N[N] |
| Maximum character length: | 2 |
|   | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Cardiovascular |
|   | 2 | Respiratory |
|   | 3 | Diabetes mellitis |
|   | 4 | Renal insufficiency |
|   | 8 | Other |
| Supplementary values: | 97 | Not applicable-no comorbidities present |
|   | 98 | Unknown whether comorbidities are present |
|   | 99  | Comorbidities are present but type not stated/inadequately described  |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | Record each comorbid condition present in the patient at the time of diagnosis for cancer. |
| Collection Methods: | CODE 1   Cardiovascular  **Defined as the presence of one or more of the following:*** **congestive heart failure,**
* **ischaemic cardiopathy with/without myocardial infarction**
* **severe valvular cardiopathy**
* **arrhythmia requiring chronic treatment**
* **history of cerebrovascular disease**
* **hypertension and/or peripheral vascular disease**

**CODE 2   Respiratory****Defined as the presence of one or more of the following:*** **history of tuberculosis**
* **history of pleural effusion or pneumonia**
* **asthma**
* **pulmonary embolism**
* **chronic pulmonary insufficiency (as defined by a chronic hypoxemia less than 60 mmHg and/or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) inducing a FEV¹ less than 1.5l)**

**CODE 3   Diabetes mellitis****Defined as diabetes treated with either oral hypoglycaemics or insulin****CODE 4   Renal insufficiency****Defined as a creatinine clearance lower than 60 ml min­****CODE 8   Other****Any relevant comorbidity not specified above.** |
| Comments: | Comorbidities may be an important variable in treatment decisions and prognosis. |

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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Cancer Australia. |
| Reference documents: | Colinet, B; Jacot, W et al 2005. A new simplified comorbidity score as a prognostic factor in non-small-cell lung cancer patients: description and comparison with the Charlson’s index. British Journal of Cancer 93:1098-1105. |

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| Relational attributes  |
| Data elements implementing this value domain: | [Person with cancer—comorbidities, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/458075)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Recorded 10/04/2014 |